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1. AFTER SEVERAL DELAYS BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING
CONFLICTS, US MTN DEL MET WITH JAPANESE TO DISCUSS
SUBJECT MEETING. WE OUTLINED PROPOSED US
APPROACH PER FEF A, AND REPEATED US POSITION THAT WE
DO NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEMS PARTICULAR TO AGRICULTURE
THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN WAYS OTHER THAN
PRESCRIBED IN THE CODE.

2. JAPANESE RESPONDED THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN THE
PROCESS OF A TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE CODE AS IT APPLIED
TO AGRICULTURE. THEY STATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE A
POSITION UNTIL THIS REVIEW IS FINISHED, AND THEREFORE
CAN'T PRECLUDE ANY COURSE OF ACTION FOR THE MEETING.
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THEY ADDED THAT THE US CONCERN MAY BE MISPLACED AND
THAT THEY SEE VERY FEW POLITICAL OR PROCEDURAL
PROBLEMS EVOLVING FROM THIS MEETING.

3. HOWEVER, JAPANESE COMMENTED THAT ON A PRELIMINARY
BASIS THEY HAD TWO BASIC AREAS OF DIFFICULTY WITH THE
CODE. THE FIRST RELATES TO HEALTH AND SANITARY REGU-

LATIONS WHERE THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE CODE MAY DECLARE A STANDARD "UNJUSTIFIABLE" BECAUSE IT IS DIFFERENT FROM INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OR FROM STANDARDS PREVAILING IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES. WE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE US VIEW, THE CODE SEEKS TO ENSURE THAT TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, STANDARDS, AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS DO NOT CREATE "UNJUSTIFIABLE" OBSTACLES TO TRADE, REPEAT TRADE, I.(3. STANDARDS HAVING THE EFFECT OF TRADE OBSTACLES. HOWEVER, THE CODE ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM TAKING MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN, ANIMAL, PLANT LIFE OR HEALTH ETC.

4. THE SECOND AREA OF DIFFICULTY CONCERNED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CODE AND THE CODEX (WHICH THE JAPANESE APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTANT). JAPANESE STATED THAT THEY CANNOT NOW ACCEPT MANY OF THE CODEX NORMS, AND THAT THE CODEX ALLOWS A COUNTRY TO SECURE A "DEROGATION". THE JAPANESE DO NOT WANT THE STANDARDS CODE TO INTERFERE WITH THIS DEROGATION PROCESS. WE RESPONDED ALONG THE LINES OF REF B. THE JAPANESE STATED THAT THEY WOULD BRING THIS MATTER UP IN THE MEETING.

5. COMMENT: OF THE SEVERAL DELS WE HAVE TALKED TO TO DATE CONCERNING THIS MEETING, THE JAPANESE HAVE RAISED THE MOST PROBLEMS, AND WE CAN EXPECT THAT THEIR POSITION FOR THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO THE US EFFORT.
END COMMENT.WALKER

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